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SUBJECT: MALIK ON SABAH CLAIM

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1. DURING A CALL ON MALIK AUGUST 1, I ASKED HIM HOW HIS EFFORTS TO BRING PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA TOGETHER ON SABAH WERE GOING. HE INDICATED THEY WERE NOT GOING WELL AND REVEALED SOME IMPATIENCE AND IRRITATION WITH MALAYSIANS.

2. MALIK TOLD ME, AS HE HAD EARLIER ON
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JUNE 22 (REFTEL), THAT MALYSIANS HAD

INDICATED AGREEMENT AT TRIPARTITE MEETING
IN HONG KONG THAT THEY WOULD JOIN WITH
INDONESIA TO HELP PHILIPPINES SETTLE
MOSLEM PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES
IF MARCOS WOULD DROP THE PHILIPPINES'
CLAIM TO SABAH. THE PARTIES WERE TO MEET
AGAIN TO EXPRESS AGREEMENT TO THE FORMULA
WHICH WAS EMBODIED IN A DRAFT AGREEMENT
DRAWN UP BY THE INDONESIANS.

3. HOWEVER, MALIK SAID MALAYSIANS WERE
NOW TAKING POSITION THAT THEY DID NOT
WISH TO GET INVOLVED IN SOLVING THE
PHILIPPINES' MOSLEM PROBLEM, BUT THAT
MARCOS SHOULD NEVERTHELESS DROP THE CLAIM
TO SABAH. MALIK SAID MALAYSIANS HAD
RECENTLY INDICATED TO INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR
SUPARJO IN KUALA LUMPUR THAT THEY FEEL
THEY MIGHT BE BLAMED BY MOSLEMS IN MALAYSIA
AND IN OTHER MOSLEM COUNTRIES IF THEY TRIED
TO HELP MARCOS.

4. MALAYSIANS ALSO ASKED MALIK WHETHER HE
REALLY FELT HE COULD TRUST MARCOS. RELATING
THIS TO ME, MALIK EXCLAIMED, "I TRUST NOBODY
BUT GOD." BUT IN THIS CASE, HE SAID, "MARCOS
IS RIGHT AND I HAVE TOLD MALAYSIANS THAT
IF THEY WILL NOT SUPPORT MY FORMULA, I
WILL MAKE NO MORE EFFORT TO BRING THE TWO
COUNTRIES TOGETHER." MALIK SAID HE IS
VERY DISAPPOINTED AND SOMEWHAT BAFFLED
BY THE MALAYSIAN POSITION.
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